PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS MEAGHER COUNTY, MONTANA

May 6, 13, 20, 2014

Tuesday

May 6, 2014 8:40 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Ben Hurwitz, Vice Chair Herb Townsend, and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

Minutes:

Action #1:

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the Minutes from the April 15, 2014 meeting. Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and was approved unanimously.

Martinsdale Propane Tank:

Chair Hurwitz advised the other Commissioners that he had done a price comparison on heating fuel between Berg Garage, Mountain View Co-op, and Northern Energy from this past winter. He found that Northern Energy, who owns the tank in Martinsdale, was more expensive than either of the other companies. He would like to see the County purchase its own tank and then can fill it with whoever has the best prices.

The Commission will research this issue to see if those propane tanks can be replaced with County-owned tanks.

Road Report:

Bruce Smith, Road Supervisor, advised the Commissioners that the bids for the new Road Grader will be opened next week. The price of the grader may be more than the \$265,000.00 originally discussed; possibly between \$290,000.00 and \$295,000.00 without a wing attachment. The wing attachment the Road crew currently uses will fit if they need to use it. Mr. Smith did send out a spec sheet but hasn't heard back from either CAT or John Deere yet.

Mr. Smith updated the Commission on the gravel pits. On the Bodell pit, there was a woman from the DEQ who went out on Sunday and didn't notify either the Road crew or the landowner that she was there. She had brought a shovel and dug some holes to check samples. Evidently there is also some concern over a ditch that hasn't been used for 100 years. Bruce received a letter from the DEQ, and Otto Ohlson is going to place a call to them to discuss and see what he can accomplish.

Sheriff's Report:

Sheriff Jon Lopp was present to discuss the monthly call report of the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Lopp advised that the floaters have been keeping them busy and that he is working with

the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks on search and rescue help when the floaters get in trouble.

Sheriff Lopp also advised that the pickup had been ordered and should be here in June.

Getting geared up for the Red Ants Pants Festival. There are 15,000 tickets printed; last year there were 12,000 people. They expect a good turnout because Charlie Pride is the headliner. Sarah Calhoun hired the same company as last year for security who was under better management, so they did a good job last year in comparison to the year before.

Acceptance of Window Bid:

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle presented the bids to the Commissioners for their approval. There were two bids:

Paul Kroeger Construction LLC - \$25,581.60

Win-Dor Industries, Inc. – \$33,114.50

She advised that Paul Kroeger had come to the Courthouse and went through with Ken Martin, Building Maintenance, to get a look at the job and the windows to be replaced.

The Commission and the Clerk & Recorder discussed what needed to be included in a written Agreement between Paul Kroeger Construction, LLC and the County. They will have the County Attorney draw up an Agreement, in which they will include the deadline of September 1, 2014 as a completion date; the requirement of proof of workman's comp and liability insurance and a penalty of 10% of the cost of his bid if not completed on time.

Action #3:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #38

Commissioner Townsend moved to accept the bid of Paul Kroeger Construction LLC in the amount of \$25,581.60, for the replacement of Courthouse windows. There shall be a deadline of September 1, 2014 as a completion date, and include a penalty of 10% of the cost of his bid if not completed on time included in the Agreement. Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

County Health Nurse Position:

There was discussion on the call from Nurse Kiff regarding the application for the County Health Nurse position. Chair Hurwitz then mentioned that he had received a call from the Center for Mental Health and they would like representation from Meagher County. Chair Hurwitz thought this should be included in the County Health Nurse position. They meet once a month and it would be serving on the Board of Governors' for the Center of Mental Health.

The Commissioners discussed the applicant, and agreed with the recommendation of Nurse Kiff that Eva Kerr would be a good choice for the County. Nurse Kerr is requesting \$25.00 per hour and she will not be able to start the 32-hour position until June 30, 2014.

Action #4:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #39

Commissioner Brewer moved to hire Eva Kerr in the position of County Health Nurse. She will be paid \$25.00 per hour and will work 32 hours per week. Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Pacific Source insurance:

Julie Blockey stopped in to say hi and update the commissioners on insurance. She gave her recommendation that the County should write a letter to Blue Cross / Blue Shield. She believes they need to hear from the County on why we were ending our relationship with them.

The Commissioners approved the Guardian Pediatric Dental and VSP vision plan as recommended; and also approved to align the benefit year with open enrollment (07/01 - 06/30).

Clean Up Day:

Action #5:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #40

Commissioner Townsend moved that any County Employee who volunteers half a day at the Transfer Site for County/City Clean Up Day on May 17th, shall receive a full day off in return, with prior approval of his or her department head. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was held and passed unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Gravel Sale to City:

Pursuant to the visit from Mayor Julian Theriault during Public Comment on April 15, 2014, there was discussion regarding the approval of selling the City pit run at the agreed amount of \$1.50 yard.

Action #6:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #41

Motion was made by Commissioner Brewer to approve the sale of pit run gravel to the City for the amount of \$1.50 / yard for their City Project. Vice Chair Townsend seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

County Attorney Report:

Kimberly Deschene was present for the County Attorney Update. Paula Rasmussen, Deschene & Swandal's current clerk came with her.

The Commissioners questioned Attorney Deschene about moving into the Courthouse and if she had prepared the pros and cons they had previously requested.

Attorney Deschene stated that she was not interested in moving into the Courthouse and then presented the Commissioners with a memo on her proposal, along with attachments on other county agreements with their county attorneys.

It is County Attorney Deschene's opinion that secretarial support is not a decision for the Commission. She brought Paula Rasmussen in today to give them a rundown of what it is she does for her. Attorney Deschene believes that by not moving into the Courthouse she is saving

the County \$15,000.00. She has also invested in the economy of the town by having the private practice and doesn't believe it is fair to ask them to move. The Commissioners are not asking that she move the private practice, just the County Attorney's Office to the Courthouse because there is available space. Attorney Deschene informed the Commission that Deschene & Swandal would find it difficult to survive on their own, and that the arrangement works because they share the expenses with the County. Bonnie Swandal is currently working on an hourly basis for Deschene & Swandal at this point but is still retiring.

Attorney Deschene would agree to reduce her monthly stipend to \$1,600.00 a month, but that was as low as they could go and stay in business. Again she reiterated that they are not moving, they invested money trying to grow the business.

Chair Hurwitz stated that the County has to have a County Attorney, but the Commission is not required to pay for a secretary unless she could show a need. Currently, because she doesn't provide a report to the Commission on what cases she has handled monthly, they do not know what she does or why she would need help. They would like her to provide a monthly report that gives them information to base a decision on. Attorney Deschene advised that she would not provide such a report and that the Commission has to provide her staff, she doesn't have to prove to them that she needs help, it is enough just to keep the doors open that she gets staff. She warned them that because of the Attorney General's opinion that she provided, she would win in court.

Paula Rasmussen was asked what kind of support she gave to Attorney Deschene. She advised that she works three days a week, Monday thru Wednesday, 5 hours a day, and depending on how busy she was, she might skip lunch and work 6. The Commission asked what percentage of her time was for County and what percentage private. Mrs. Rasmussen didn't know the answer to that question.

Chair Hurwitz advised Attorney Deschene that the previous County Attorney had worked 8 months without support staff and she had no problems being on her own. Attorney Deschene doesn't want to take her chances on having a situation where she needs help and not having any available.

Chair Hurwitz told Attorney Deschene that she is just not that busy. Her cases are handled either by MACo, the Attorney General's office or she has another county attorney handle her hearings. Again, Chair Hurwitz requested that she keep a log of what she works on, and Attorney Deschene said she would not do that. She wants them to uphold their agreement through December on the lease with First American Title. In December she still does not plan to move. She believes the current arrangement works and wants them to use their common sense; and at this point made some threats of bringing this before the Court to decide.

Chair Hurwitz stated that when the original agreement was made with Attorney Deschene for an office outside of the Courthouse, it was because there wasn't space available for her to use. Now there is, and the Commission wants the County Attorney's office back in the Courthouse. If she refuses to move or to provide a report, then Chair Hurwitz believes they should abolish the agreement; all they need is a 30-day notice.

Attorney Deschene discussed the fact that the current County obligation doesn't include support staff; that that expense was paid by Deschene & Swandal. She feels the current arrangement and budget is a benefit to the County and works.

Vice Chair Townsend identified the concern of the community in wanting to know why we are paying rent down the road for the county attorney. They are paying taxes for the Courthouse so

why pay to have her somewhere else. Attorney Deschene stated that while the information in other departments in the courthouse was public; nothing she does is public.

Vice Chair Townsend and Commissioner Brewer also thinks she should temporarily keep a log so the Commission knows what her case load is and whether it justifies a county-paid assistant. Paula Rasmussen thought it would be difficult to keep track. Commissioner Hurwitz reiterated that the Commission simply wants to know what she does. Other departments give reports on what they are working on or what they worked on for the month. The Sheriff's Office and Public Health Nurse were given as examples of giving reports but not breaking any confidentiality.

When asked how many cases she presently had, Attorney Deschene thought she had 10 cases that she was currently working on. However, she does not feel she should have to prove this even though the Commissioners would like an accounting of how she spends her time and if this is their formal position, they could get it settled in court. She argued that the Sheriff has a different job and that in a small town people would know who she was referring to in a report and that would be a breach in confidentiality.

Chair Hurwitz again asked Attorney Deschene if her position was that she would not be in this building and she would not go without an assistant. Attorney Deschene responded by saying it was her intent to stay where she was.

The Commission also wanted to know if she moved back, would Deschene & Swandal move as well. Attorney Deschene advised the Commission that Deschene & Swandal does not make much money, so it may go by the wayside. She also mentioned that when the previous County Attorney was here, she did not pay rent for her private practice. She said that Deschene & Swandal cannot survive; and the only leverage she has is making them pay for an assistant.

Attorney Deschene believes the Commission is misunderstanding about hiring an assistant for her. That while she can't force them to create a county position, they have to provide help – even if it is just to keep the doors open. Chair Hurwitz stated that he had spoken with Mike Sehestedt on this matter and Attorney Deschene said Mr. Sehestedt should know better and that he was wrong.

Commissioner Brewer stated that a decision does not have to happen today and that they would look over what she had presented.

Attorney Deschene then began explaining again why she needs help. At a minimum a secretary needs to keep the office open. She needs a buffer to keep defendants from coming into her office to talk or calling on the phone. She feels that there are no legal concerns or things not being met and she just wants to get along but wants it left the way it is.

The Commission questioned her on what was needed for support staff and Attorney Deschene advised she needed someone to answer the phone; run interference and keep the office open; and they never know when a criminal emergency will come up and what it might entail.

For Attorney Deschene's conclusion of her position on moving back into the Courthouse, she stated that she wants to get along with the Commissioners and will work with them. She disagrees with keeping a log and the Commissioner's objectivity of whether or not they think she needs to have a secretary. She doesn't believe the current arrangement is broken.

Commissioner Brewer reiterated that the Commissioners would study the issue.

Commissioner Townsend ended this discussion by telling Attorney Deschene that he was very disappointed in her for using threats and the tactic of getting her way or we get sued.

Lunch:

Commissioners left for lunch at 12:09 p.m. and returned at 1:00 p.m.

<u>Auto Mark – Public Test</u>

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle, set up the Auto Mark machine for a public test. Commissioner Brewer did a sample ballot to make sure the machine was running properly.

Clerk & Recorder – Budget Amendment; Micro Film Machine Purchase:

Budget Amendments discussed:

Road Fund (2110) – Unexpected revenue and unexpected expense totaling \$236,404.85 This is the Secure Rural Schools Act money that will be transferred into the Road Outlay Fund (4010) to help offset the cost of a new grader.

Road Outlay Fund (4010) Unexpected revenue and unexpected expense totaling \$236,404.85 for the transfer and purchase of a new grader,

Senior Center (2280) – Unexpected revenue and unexpected expense totaling \$10,000 for the use of entitlement money and the donation to the Meagher County Senior Citizens Center.

Golf (2720) – for the unexpected revenue and unexpected expense for the transfer of pilt funds into this fund and the donation to the Arrowhead Meadows Golf Course.

Alcohol Rehab (2800) – for the unexpected revenue and unexpected expense totaling \$2466.00, this is an in and out fund and we received more than originally budgeted, therefore had to pay more than originally budgeted.

Land Use (2860) – Unexpected revenue and unexpected expense totaling \$7000.00. there was more activity in this fund due to the review of the subdivision regulation therefor we are transferring money from Pilt to cover the additional expenses not budgeted for and future expenses.

Weed Funds (2842,2848,2840,2851) the unexpected expense in these weed fund is due to the weed department transferring the remaining money left in these funds into the general weed fund (2140) this was done on the request of our auditor to clean up these funds.

Action #7:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #42

Commissioner Townsend moved to move money in the amount of \$7,000.00 from Pilt to 2860 – Land Use Fund. Commissioner Brewer seconded.

There will be a letter to Treasurer Phelan on this transfer of funds.

Clerk & Recorder Ogle also discussed the need for the purchase of a new microfilmer. Currently, the present microfilmer is out of date and cannot have repairs made to it. The older records are on microfilm so it is important that it be accessible. The cost for a new machine is \$10,379.00 and the Commissioners need to give permission to buy. Clerk & Recorder Ogle said the funds were available in the Record Preservation fund (2393).

She also advised that the Map printer is in the same boat where repairs cannot be made due to the age of the machine. A new machine would be somewhere around \$9,000.00. She would like to purchase the new microfilmer this year and possibly the map printer next year.

Clerk & Recorder also reported that the digital images from Family Search will need to be imported into the DocuPro system and indexed. Ogle is not sure on the cost of this project and will talk to the different vendors at the Clerk & Recorder convention.

Action #8:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #43

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the purchase of a new microfilmer at a cost of approximately \$10,379.00 from funds in the Record Preservation (2393). Commissioner Townsend seconded. A vote was held and approved unanimously.

County Attorney:

Kimberly Deschene stopped back in to bring the agreement for the window bid. There was discussion on changes to the Agreement.

She then apologized for the previous meeting and stated that she did not mean to threaten anyone.

Public Comment:

Staff from Senator Tester and Senator Walsh's offices in Bozeman stopped by to visit and introduce themselves to the Commission.

Chamber of Commerce:

Buddy Hanrahan came representing the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is working on a CTEP grant with Brian Obert. The city and county together have over \$80,000, plus a match would put it at \$100,000 plus. The Chamber is thinking about having art work painted on Main Street businesses, since it has to be in view of the highway. He explained that painting generally is not accepted as anything but routine maintenance, there are ways to skirt around it like painting a mural. They would really like to do away with the METH references on the current murals that the kids did a few years back by keeping the murals but making adjustments. The projects they know they want to do for sure are lights on the signs previously done so they are visible to tourists.

He was here to see if the Commissioners had other ideas that they could use CTEP money for as it will be going away and there will be a new fund established with a new name. He mentioned on the matching funds the Chamber believed it would receive donations from Triangle Communications and Northwestern Energy. They would also like to have improvements to the Rader and Joanne Dixon Memorial parks.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Voucher #1461, with Check # 46784 through Check # 46866 totaling \$61,263.17. All Checks were signed as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.	
Next Meeting:	
Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, May 13, 2014.	
CLERK & RECORDER	CHAIRMAN
SEAL	VICE-CHAIRMAN
	COMMISSIONER

Meeting Adjourned:

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder, Penny Plachy.

Distributed May 13, 2014 to Chairman Hurwitz, Commissioner Townsend, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle

Tuesday

May 13, 2014 8:40 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Ben Hurwitz and Vice Chair Herb Townsend, and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

Minutes:

Minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting were discussed; however, were tabled until the next meeting of May 20, 2014.

<u>Treasurer's Report – Sue Phelan:</u>

Sue Phelan, Meagher County Treasurer, presented her reports to the Commissioners for their signatures.

Treasurer Phelan also presented and explained the checks that had been written through the Treasurer's office.

She also advised the Commissioners that she, Deputy Treasurer Shauna Porter, Clerk & Recorder Dayna Ogle and Deputy Clerk & Recorder were scheduled to go to Anaconda on Thursday, May 15, 2014 to visit the Treasurer's office and Clerk & Recorder's office there regarding Black Mountain software. Treasurer Phelan informed them that Black Mountain had already been here to present their software and now they wanted to visit with offices that actually used it.

Senior Center – Beth Hunt:

Beth Hunt was present for the Senior Center. With her she brought Dellamae Lind, Melinda Vennard, Gene Richeson, and Gordon Doig.

She began by advising the Commission that she had gone to the Governor's Conference and what she had learned there on health and wellness for older individuals.

Mrs. Hunt was present to request the \$10,000.00 yearly donation that the Commission gives to the Senior Center. With this request, she presented a budget sheet that shows where the money is being spent. They deposit the funds into the general account of the Senior Center to help defray operational costs.

Action #1:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #44

Commissioner Townsend moved to give the Senior Center the \$10,000.00 requested to be used to defray operational costs of the Senior Center for FY 14/15. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Mrs. Hunt also advised the Commissioners that she would be undertaking one more year of the Health Expo, however, Kelly Huffield does not plan to work it again.

The Commissioners also updated the group that Eva Kerr had been hired as the new County Health Nurse.

MBAC – Chris Shove:

Chris Shove of the Montana Business Assistance Connection of Helena was here to present updated information to the Commission. Jim Richard was also in attendance.

Mr. Shove informed the Commission that there would be a meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Tintina offices for the public in order to get the citizen input required. He presented the Commission the information that would be presented as a slide show at the meeting entitled *Trends Affecting Growth Policy Planning* to review with them. He also advised that he had met with the City Councilmen the night before at the City Council meeting to go over information with them.

The information he presented addressed population trends (county and city); economy; land use in our area; a mine impact summary; historical trends; and MBAC's suggestions. Mr. Shove also presented the Commissioners with a Meagher County Growth Policy Plan Newsletter that his office had prepared as a handout for the meeting.

<u>Fire / DES Update – Rick Seidlitz:</u>

Rick Seidlitz was present to give his report to the Commission. Mike Leonard was also in attendance.

Seidlitz reported that he attended the annual Governor's Fire briefing. They are predicting an average to below average fire season.

There was discussion on the two Transfer Pumps. One of the pumps is setup and ready to go.

On the addressing, he is still working on two name changes in the Smith Creek Subdivision. Number 1 Rd changed to Timberline TRL and number 2 Road changed to Bears Den TRL. These name changes were approved on January 14, 2014, in Resolution 2014-#10 by the Commission.

Seidlitz also mentioned that he had not heard anything from the Grassy Mountain Fire District. Mike Leonard reported that since the last time he was in attendance at a Commission meeting, there had been no meeting held.

Martinsdale Propane Tank Resolution:

Pursuant to the May 6, 2014 meeting, research was done to see if the County could purchase tanks for the area in Martinsdale. Research done indicated that the propane tank is paid for by the Martinsdale taxpayers and the County cannot change without approval.

Errol Galt had been notified and he is fine with the service that Northern Energy gives and does not currently want to change. Therefore, no resolution was done and the tank will remain the same.

<u>Clerk & Recorder – Dayna Ogle – Budget Amendment and New Fund; CTEP:</u>

On the Budget Amendments, this is the 3rd meeting, and therefore Clerk & Recorder Ogle presented the budget amendments for the Commissioners' signature.

Action #2:

Resolution 2014 - #45

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Alcohol Rehab Fund (2800) was created to receive alcohol tax money and then expend those funds to a certified chemical dependency program to help with alcohol addiction and,

WHEREAS, the Alcohol Rehab Fund (2800) has unexpected revenue of approximately \$5000.00 due to an extra payment this fiscal year and,

WHEREAS, the Alcohol Rehab Fund (2800) had unexpected expenses of approximately \$ 5000.00.

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the FY 13.14 budget for the unexpected revenue and unexpected expense totaling \$5000.00 (five thousand dollars) in the Alcohol rehab Fund (2280).

Dated this 13th day of May, 2014

Attest:

Board of County Commissioners:

Dayna Ogle

Clerk & Recorder

Chairman Ben Hurwitz

Commissioner Herb Townsend

Resolution 2014 - ギリし

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 budget has been set and,

WHEREAS, the Road Fund (2110) has unexpected revenue from the Secure Rural School Act totaling \$236,404 and,

WHEREAS, the Road Fund (2110) would like to transfer these funds to the Road Outlay Fund (4010) to help offset the cost of a new grader.

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioner are amending the FY 13.14 budget for the unexpected revenue and unexpected expense of \$236,404 (two hundred thirty six thousand four hundred four dollars) in the Road Fund (2110)

Dated this 13th day of May, 2014

Attest:

Board of County Commissioners:

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Resolution 2014 - サ4子

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 Budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Road Outlay Fund (4010) has unexpected revenue (transferred from the Road Fund 2110) totaling \$236,404 and,

WHEREAS, the Road Outlay Fund (4010) would like to utilize the revenue to offset the cost of a grader.

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the FY 13.14 budget to include the unexpected revenue and unexpected expense totaling \$236,404 (two hundred thirty six thousand four hundred four dollars) in the Road Outlay Fund (4010)

Dated this 13th day of May, 2014

Attest:

Board of County Commissioners:

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Resolution 2014 - # 48

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Fund (2860) has overspent their budget due to the additional work that was done regarding the new subdivision regulations put into place by the 2011 legislative session and,

WHEREAS, the Land Use Fund (2860) has unexpected revenue totaling \$7,000.00 from a transfer from the PILT Fund (2900) approved by the Meagher County Commissioners on May 6th, 2014 and,

WHEREAS, the Land Use Fund (2860) may have unexpected expenses up to \$7,000.00 in the current fiscal year.

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the FY 13.14 budget for the unexpected revenue and unexpected expense totaling \$7,000.00 (seven thousand dollars)in the Land Use Fund (2860).

Dated this 13th day of May, 2014

Attest:

Board of County Commissioners:

Dayna Ogle

Clerk & Recorder

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Commissioner Herb Townsend

Resolution 2014 - 449

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Weed Grant Fund (2851) had an outstanding cash balance in the fund and the Weed Department moved these funds into the general Weed Fund (2140) per commissioner approval and our auditors request to clean up our chart of accounts and,

WHEREAS, the Weed Grant Fund (2851) had a budget for the FY 13.14 and the transfer of funds exceeded the original budget by \$0.90.

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the FY 13.14 budget for the unexpected expense totaling \$10.00 (ten dollars)in the Weed Grant Fund (2851).

Dated this 13th day of May, 2014

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Board of County Commissioners:

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Resolution 2014 – #50

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Weed Grant Fund (2848) had an outstanding cash balance in the fund and the Weed Department moved these funds into the general Weed Fund (2140) per commissioner approval and our auditors request to clean up our chart of accounts and,

WHEREAS, the Weed Grant Fund (2851) had a budget for the FY 13.14 and the transfer of funds exceeded the original budget by \$0.22.

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the FY 13.14 budget for the unexpected expense totaling \$10.00 (ten dollars)in the Weed Grant Fund (2848).

Dated this 13th day of May, 2014

Attest:

Board of County Commissioners:

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Commissioner Herb Townsend

Resolution 2014 - #51

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Weed Grant Fund (2842) has carried a cash balance in the fund for several years and the Weed Department would like to move these funds into the general Weed Fund (2140) per commissioner approval and our auditors request to clean up our chart of accounts and,

WHEREAS, the Weed Grant Fund (2842) had unexpected expenses of totaling \$20,122.00 related to the transfer of funds.

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the FY 13.14 budget for the unexpected expense totaling \$20122.00 (twenty two thousand one hundred twenty two dollars) in the Weed Grant Fund (2842).

Dated this 13th day of May, 2014

Attest:

Board of County Commissioners:

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Commissioner Herb Townsend

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Resolution 2014 - #5み

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2013 - 2014 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Senior Fund (2280) has unexpected revenue (Entitlement money) totaling \$10,000.00 and,

WHEREAS, the Senior Fund (2280) has unexpected expenses totaling \$10,000.00 for a donation to the Meagher County Senior Center.

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the FY 13.14 budget for the unexpected revenue and unexpected expense totaling \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) in the Senior Fund (2280).

Dated this 13th day of May, 2014

Attest:

Board of County Commissioners:

Dayna Ogle

Clerk & Recorder

nairman Ben Hurwitz

Commissioner Herb Townsend

Resolution 2014 – ギ53

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2013-2014 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Weed Grant Fund (2840) has an outstanding cash balance in the fund and the Weed Department would like to move these funds into the general Weed Fund (2140) per commissioner approval and our auditors request to clean up our chart of accounts and,

WHEREAS, the Weed Grant Fund (2840) had unexpected expenses of totaling \$43,300.00 related to the transfer of funds.

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the FY 13.14 budget for the unexpected expense totaling \$43,300.00 (fourty three thousand three hundred dollars) in the Weed Grant Fund (2840).

Dated this 13th day of May, 2014

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Board of County Commissioners:

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Resolution 2014 - # 54

Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2013 - 2014 budget has been set, and

WHEREAS, the Golf Fund (2720) had no budget for FY 13.14 and,

WHEREAS, the Golf Fund (2720) has unexpected revenue (Entitlement money) totaling \$10,000.00 and,

WHEREAS, the Golf Fund (2720) has unexpected expenses totaling \$10,000.00 for a donation to Arrowhead Meadows.

NOW THREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN AND HEREBY RESOLVED that the Meagher County Board of Commissioners are amending the FY 13.14 budget for the unexpected revenue and unexpected expense totaling \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) in the Golf Fund (2720).

Dated this 13th day of May, 2014

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Board of County Commissioners:

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Commissioner Herb Townsend

Buddy Hanrahan was in attendance representing the Chamber on the CTEP funds. Although the Chamber had not met to put together a list of items, he had put one together for the Commissioners' review. In his list were items that they were hoping to use with the funds received from a CTEP grant.

The major reason Mr. Hanrahan was in attendance was because of the funding issue. He wanted confirmation that the County would dedicate its funds on the application to be available for any of the projects on the list. The projects would be prioritized by importance and started from the top and work their way down. The County would like to see funds from their portion of the grant to be used to paint the courthouse and additional landscaping in front of the courthouse.

The Application can be submitted by the city or county and combining the two would save money. Mr. Hanrahan believes that the City should file the application since most of the items on the list are city projects. The county items, he assured the Commissioners, would be placed at the top in priority.

Action #3:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #55

Commissioner Brewer moved that the County would dedicate \$45,180.00 funds received in a CTEP grant to City/County projects on the condition that the money be used for County projects, then any excess funds go toward city projects. Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and all approved, it is therefore resolved.

Clerk & Recorder Ogle suggested creating a Building Outlay Fund (4000) in order to track building capital projects such as the window replacement. The funds in the 7950 cannot stay there and entitlement funds must be used by June 30th.

Action #3:

RESOLUTION 2014-#56

Vice Chair Townsend moved that the Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle, create a capital expenditure Building Outlay Fund (4000). Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Clerk & Recorder Ogle asked the Commissioners about moving \$30,000.00 into the Building Outlay Fund (4000) to cover the expense of the window replacement bid.

Action #4:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #57

Vice Chair Townsend moved that the Clerk & Recorder move \$30,000.00 from the entitlement fund (7950) to the capital expenditure Building Outlay Fund (4000). Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

She also advised that they may want to consider using a portion of the entitlement funds to purchase the map printer. She also suggested using entitlement money to match funds received by Departments that didn't receive full Bair grants on money requested, such as the Cemetery, Fire and Ambulance. Clerk & Recorder Ogle will report back to the Commissioners with numbers.

Vice Chair Townsend mentioned the Black Mountain software to the Clerk & Recorder to see if this was something she would be interested in. There was some discussion regarding the Treasurer's Office and the Clerk & Recorder's office both agreeing to the switch from Tyler Tech. The two offices were planning to visit with other offices who used the program and getting feedback. The initial expense to make the change is a huge cost, but the yearly service cost charge would be less. The Commissioners would like both the Treasurer's office and the Clerk & Recorder's office to be on the same page with regard to the program and if it would work for us.

Lunch:

Commissioners broke for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and returned at 1:25 p.m.

Road Grader – Bid Opening:

In attendance was Bruce Smith, Meagher County Road Supervisor, along with Johns Deere representative, Ryan Schlicting of RDO Equipment Co. and Caterpillar representative, Kraig Pester of Tractor & Equipment Co.

There were two bids received:

RDO Equipment Co. - \$255,000 00 - 2014 John Deere 672 GP

Tractor & Equipment Co. - \$292,367.00 – 2014 Caterpillar 12M3AWD

There was lengthy discussion regarding the differences in the equipment bid from both companies.

There were 37 exceptions from John Deere on the bid spec sheet due to the fact they do not have joy sticks, they have fingertip controls or steering wheel. There were no exceptions by CAT to the spec sheet.

This discussion was tabled in order that the bids and information could be reviewed in detail. Final decision will be tabled until the next meeting on May 20, 2014.

Dispatch Update – Maebeth Seidlitz:

Maebeth Seidlitz was unable to attend the meeting.

County Attorney – Kimberly Deschene:

County Attorney Kimberly Deschene was present and brought Bonnie Swandal with her.

Chair Hurwitz provided the history for Mrs. Swandal on why the Commission agreed to let the County Attorney's office be outside the Courthouse. At the time, there was no space available in the Courthouse; however, now that there are empty spaces, the Commissioners want the County Attorney's office here. They are trying to save the taxpayers money and cut the monthly stipend for expenses that they pay to Deschene & Swandal.

County Attorney Deschene advised that she doesn't want to move back and her office doesn't want to move into the Courthouse. She had provided a Memo last week that she felt gave reasonable explanations on why the current arrangement should remain in place. She again offered to reduce the monthly stipend to \$1,600.00 but that was as far as they could go.

Mrs. Swandal explained to the Commissioners that her feeling is that someone has to be in the office. They needed a front person, especially when an emergency comes in. It was discussed again about their current staffing of 15 hours a week, Monday through Wednesday. She also feels that they are good for the county, with the clients who are old who cannot drive or go to Helena for services.

Commissioner Townsend told County Attorney Deschene that his opinion is that he wants the County Attorney in the Courthouse. There was further discussion on options that both parties have and how to come to a resolution of this issue. Mrs. Swandal suggested mediation to resolve the issues rather than argument.

The Commissioners are in agreement that the terms of a new arrangement should not cost the taxpayers the amount it has cost in the previous years. They agree that Deschene & Swandal could move into the Courthouse at no expense for rent; and any big expenses on shared items could be split 50/50. They also agree to pay the expense for an employee for 15 hours a week and would agree to a wage of \$10.00 per hour.

Chair Hurwitz advised that they will give a 30-day notice to cancel the current contract with both Deschene & Swandal and the County Attorney. County Attorney Deschene advised that she would just submit claims against the County if they cancelled the contract without another deal being in place.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Voucher #1463, with Check # 46867 through Check # 46893 totaling \$8,088.73. All Checks were signed as presented.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

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Tuesday

May 20, 2014 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Met in Commissioner's Chambers

Meeting Called to Order:

Chair Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Ben Hurwitz, Vice Chair Herb Townsend, and Commissioner Rod Brewer.

Minutes:

Action #1:

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the Minutes from the May 6, 2014 and May 13, 2014 meetings. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and was approved unanimously.

Ambulance Barn Walk-thru:

The commissioners met with Bob Rooney of Rooney's Construction to do a walk-thru of the Ambulance Barn at 9:00 a.m. and returned at 9:45 a.m. Jack Berg and Sara Driemeyer were also present.

Mr. Rooney will provide his findings and provide a list of items that need to be finished, his estimation of time needed to complete and an estimate of the cost involved.

The Commission are in agreement regarding the Ambulance Board hiring a general contractor to finish this project.

<u>Safety Update – Helen Hanson:</u>

Helen Hanson, Safety Coordinator, gave her update on the annual meeting held on Monday, May 5th.

The County's mod factor is at 1.22; it had been at 1.25. But, she advised that it should go down because of two big work comp claims going off. Mrs. Hanson provided information on claims and what we need to work on.

She also told the Commissioners that thirty-one (31) employees had taken the defensive driving class. The next required class will be in hazards and hazardous materials. After the required classes, then there will be just basic safety awareness.

Nurse Kari Jo Kiff also notified Mrs. Hanson that she will be going off the Safety Committee; however, the new County Health Nurse, Eva Kerr, will be joining the committee.

Mrs. Hanson also informed the Commission that Emelia McEwen and Jodi Tierney, did a safety inspection on the Courthouse on May 5, 2014. The only thing they found was that the building is old and there are plug-ins not grounded.

Mrs. Hanson advised that her next project will be the emergency plan on the Courthouse, including an evacuation plan for employees. She also handles the incident investigations when

there are work comp claims turned into the Human Resource Department. The investigation will include how the incident happened and what can be changed so it wouldn't happen again.

There was some discussion regarding the Lennep School closing and what will happen prior to final closure.

<u>Southwest Chemical Dependency Program – Earmark Tax – Jean McCauley:</u>

Jean McCauley representing the Southwest Chemical Dependency Program was here to see the Commissioners regarding the earmark tax. Vera Towery was also in attendance. She explained that the State likes her to be in contact with the County Commissioners and she wanted to thank the Commissioners for the \$4,500.00 that is paid for the earmark tax.

Currently, a counselor comes to Meagher County 3 times a month and will most likely be coming over more. The \$4,500.00 given by the County helps offset the travel expense of the counselor.

<u>RDO – Equipment Co. – Ryan Schlicting:</u>

Ryan Schlicting from RDO Equipment Co. was present to touch on the size of the John Deere versus CAT graders from last week's commission meeting. There was discussion regarding the comparison of equipment being bid for the road department.

Black Mountain Software Program:

Vice Chair Townsend requested that the Treasurer's office come up and give them their input from the visit at Anaconda's Treasurer's office regarding Black Mountain. Deputy Treasurer, Shauna Porter, came in to present what they thought of the program.

The Treasurer's office is ready to move forward with Black Mountain. The program looks user friendly and has features that are better than Tyler currently offers. The tax program looks a little more cumbersome; however you never know until you use the program. Porter really liked how it did the journal vouchers. The Treasurer's office doesn't care for the support they have been receiving from Tyler but they would stay with them if they need to. She mentioned that the rep for Black Mountain had told them there was room for negotiation on price but she wasn't sure what the prices were, the Clerk & Recorder had that information.

Lunch:

Broke at 11:40 a.m. and returned at 12:31 p.m.

Health Nurse Update – Kari Jo Kiff:

Kari Jo Kiff and Eva Kerr were present for the Health Nurse update. Nurse Kiff presented her monthly report to the Commission and went over it with them.

Nurse Kiff advised that the training for the County Health Nurse with Nurse Kerr had started May 13th. Between the two of them working other jobs at this time, they are getting some training accomplished. Nurse Kerr will continue with her other job until the end of June.

Commissioner Hurwitz asked Nurse Kerr how she felt about giving a written monthly report to the Commission, and Nurse Kerr agrees to continue the same type of reporting.

Chair Hurwitz also inquired from Nurse Kerr how she would feel about representing Meagher County on the Governor's Board for the Center for Mental Health. They discussed the amount of time it would require from her. Nurse Kiff thought that someone else should handle this position, but Nurse Kerr will give it some thought.

Road Grader Bids – Bruce Smith:

Bruce Smith, Road Supervisor, was present with Kraig Pester from Tractor & Equipment Co. The Commissioners asked him questions that were brought up during the earlier meeting with RDO Equipment.

After much discussion and consideration, the Commissioners decided that the bid from RDO Equipment, Co. would be rejected, as it did not meet the criteria. The Commissioners decided to accept the recommendation of Mr. Smith concerning purchasing a CAT.

Action #2:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #58

Chair Hurwitz moved to reject the bid of RDO Equipment Co. for not meeting the criteria of the bid, and accept the bid of \$292,367.00 of Tractor & Equipment Co. on a 2014 Caterpillar 12M3AWD. Commissioner Brewer seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

County Attorney – Kimberly Deschene:

County Attorney Kimberly Deschene did not attend this meeting. She left a Memo in response to the Commissioners' letter and draft of the Meagher County Attorney Agreement delivered to her office earlier.

After the Commissioners reviewed the Memo, there was discussion regarding options.

Action #3:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #59

Vice Chair Townsend moved to move forward with the terms set forth in the Commissioners' letter to County Attorney Deschene providing a 30-day formal notice that the current Meagher County Attorney Office Lease dated June 19, 2012 will be null and void as of June 30, 2014. It was also agreed that the Meagher County Attorney Agreement would be signed by the Commissioners as to what terms they were setting forth with the County Attorney. Chair Hurwitz seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Clerk & Recorder - Dayna Ogle:

Black Mountain Software Program:

Clerk & Recorder, Dayna Ogle and Shauna Porter, Deputy Treasurer discussed the Black Mountain software with the Commissioners. Vice Chair Townsend asked Ogle where she stood on the Black Mountain program and what the cost was.

Clerk & Recorder Ogle reported that the initial cost would be \$65,830.00, which includes, \$44,560.00 purchase price; \$10,935.00 yearly annual fee and a one-time conversion expense of \$7,345.00. That price also included \$3,000.00 in estimated travel. Shauna mentioned that the

Black Mountain representative had told the Treasurer's Department that the cost could be split up for 2 years and could go 3, and also there was room for negotiation on the price.

There was discussion regarding the yearly annual fees charged currently by Tyler - \$21,280.00, and the \$10,935.00 charged by Black Mountain Black Mountain will increase their annual fee by 5% annually. The Clerk & Recorder's office will be keeping Tyler for the DocuPro program, which runs \$2,280.00 annually.

There was also discussion on whether the annual report could be done through the Clerk & Recorder's Office. Currently it costs \$3,000.00 to contract to have the annual report done for the County. Clerk & Recorder Ogle will check with other clerks. Deputy Treasurer Porter told her to check with Black Mountain as well and see what it entails.

Since the Clerk & Recorder's office was unable to attend the Anaconda trip, the Commissioners would like Clerk & Recorder Ogle to do research and visit other offices that use the program to see if this is something that would work and is needed. The Commission would like her to accomplish this as soon as she can since the new fiscal year would be great timing to make the change. This discussion was tabled until Clerk & Recorder Ogle can do more research.

Interest Earned Transfer to School Fund:

Deputy Treasurer Porter advised the Commissioners that she needed a Resolution in order that \$945.04 could be transferred from the County General Fund, interest earned, into the County School Fund.

Action #4:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #60

Commissioner Brewer moved to approve the interest transfer of \$945.04 from the County General Fund into the County School Fund. These funds represent the amount of 17% of the total interest earned, less 3% for the Treasurers' management on all monies invested by the County from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014.

Deputy Treasurer, Shauna Porter left the meeting.

Entitlement Funds:

Clerk & Recorder Ogle then discussed entitlement money. After meeting all obligations, there were funds remaining in the (7950) Entitlement fund and she has put together a list that the entitlement money could be used for. The Treasurer's office had input from other counties and it appears we do not have to use all the funds by a June 30th deadline, but they were going to confirm that. However, items to use the entitlement funds were discussed if it must be used by then.

The map copier in the Clerk & Recorder's office was discussed again; as well as matching funds for departments that only received Bair grants that cover part of the total cost of different projects, i.e. Ambulance - \$7,000.00 and Fire - \$8,000.00. The Cemetery still needs the sprinklers and had requested \$30,000.00 in a Bair grant that wasn't received. The Cemetery does have money from last year's fun run totaling approximately \$9,600.00 that could get the project started. The last item was the water tank on a fire truck. The Commission didn't want to make a decision on the water tank now, so that item was tabled for now.

Action #5:

RESOLUTION 2014-#61

Commissioner Brewer moved that the entitlement funds could be spent on the following items:

Map Copier purchase \$8,908.00

Matching the Bair Grant for the Ambulance equipment - \$7,803.00

Providing funds to begin the Cemetery Sprinklers \$30,000.00

Mental Health \$1,891.00

Vice Chair Townsend seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Ambulance Barn – Northwestern Energy Donation

Northwestern Energy's donation was discussed. Clerk & Recorder Ogle will ask the Ambulance Board to put an ad in the paper thanking them for their contribution. While \$4,500.00 was requested for the hook-up expense for the Ambulance Barn, \$1,500.00 was received.

Budget Reports

Clerk & Recorder Ogle advised that she has ran the budget reports. She informed the Commission that the departments should be at 80% used and at 20%; however Superintendent of Schools is at 7%, County Attorney is at 5% and IT is at 2%.

Ogle asked the Commission what fund the Center for Mental Health expense of \$1,891.00 should be paid from since it was not budgeted for. They thought maybe the entitlement fund would be a good place to pull those funds. Clerk & Recorder Ogle will have two additional budget hearings in order to amend the budget.

Deputy Clerk & Recorder – Change of Hours

Clerk & Recorder Ogle discussed her Deputy Clerk & Recorder, Christy Rogers request to reduce her hours to 32 hours a week with Fridays off. While it would save the County money, she has mixed feelings about it and whether the workload would get done. She is willing to try it on a trial basis during the summer and the Commissioners were in agreement.

Weed Dept. Transfer of Funds

Ogle also advised that she needed a motion transfer funds in the amount of \$393.00 from the (2847) Weed Grant Fund to the (2140) Weed General Fund.

Action #6:

RESOLUTION 2014 - #62

Commissioner Townsend moved to transfer funds in the amount of \$393.00 from the (2847) Weed Grant fund to the (2140) Weed General Fund. A vote was taken and approved unanimously. It is therefore resolved.

Family Search Update

Clerk & Recorder Ogle updated the Commissioners on the Family Search information. She told them that she would be getting an estimate on what it would cost to transfer the digitized documents into Tyler. They will have to convert the pictures into a black and white .tif file and then will have to go in and index the book, page and document numbers. Then someone will

have to go back into DocuPro and include the grantor / grantee and legal description into the system. It will be a huge undertaking. She will update the Commission when she receives the estimate.

MBAC Invoice

There has been an invoice received from the Montana Business Assistance Connection that was discussed. This invoice will be held at this time as it was the understanding that this amount would be covered under a grant.

Part-Time Employees / Benefits:

Clerk & Recorder Ogle and the Commission discussed part-time employee benefits. Ogle informed the Commission that if they wanted to make any changes to County policy, it will take two public hearings before change would go into effect.

Otto Ohlson – Weed Department:

Otto Ohlson dropped by to have the Commissioners sign paperwork on a grant for the Weed Department.

He also informed the Commission that the Weed Board had been holding off on a mill request this year to see if they would receive grant funding. Because they did receive the funding, he did not feel that they needed to tax the 3 mills this year that were voted in. He advised that they would have to continue with the 1.6 mill to be eligible for grants.

Public Comment:

City:

Mayor Julian Therauilt was present to ask the Commission about moving in some millings and storing it at Pit 2. They will be busy with construction in 2015 and would not be able to keep up with the hauling. The City will keep it in a neat pile. The Commission agreed that the City could haul it in to the Pit 2.

He also mentioned that he had seen some chips that he would like to use on City streets. Since the County doesn't use these chips, he wanted to know if the City could use them. The City will fill holes on the old highway and to the dump. The Commission was fine with this request as well.

Mayor Therauilt also asked the Commissioners about the City borrowing the water truck this summer. The Commission was against this.

Building –

Alvin Kujath to get the permission from the Commissioners on Melinda Vennard planting the flowers again in the flower pots this year. The Commissioners gave their approval for her to do the same type of planters that she did last year.

Claims Approved:

Commissioners were presented with Voucher #1464, with Check # 46894 through Check # 46920 totaling \$26,133.75. All Checks were signed as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.	
Next Meeting:	
Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday, June 10, 2014.	
CLERK & RECORDER	CHAIRMAN
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	COMMISSIONER

Meeting Adjourned:

Note: Minutes taken by Assistant to the Clerk & Recorder, Penny Plachy.

Distributed June 10, 2014 to Chairman Hurwitz, Commissioner Townsend, Commissioner Brewer, and Clerk & Recorder Ogle